

August 1, 2016

The Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, August 1, 2016. Chairman Barry J. Eppley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all commissioners present: Eppley, Brian K. Haupert and Scott E. Givens. The proceedings were recorded by Wabash County Deputy Auditor Tiffany Frank. The minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Haupert seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Phil Adams, County Highway Supervisor was present with nothing to report.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff reported that the Wabash County Jail currently has 92 inmates with 40 inmates housed at the Miami County Jail and 6 inmates at the Elkhart County Jail. Last week there were 4 transports to the DOC and 32 new book-ins. The peak population was 92.

Land requested that duty weapons be given to three retired merit officers who were vested (Dustin Hurst, Randy Miller, and Ben Duecker) as a thank you for their service. The commissioners gave their unanimous approval. He also stated Tyler Guenin is the new chief deputy, Bruce Hostetler is the new jail commander and the three replacement officers are Ryan Short, Karsten Kersey and Cody Gibson. (Kersey was formerly a jail officer.)

Keith Walters, County EMA Director was present with nothing to report.

Steve Downs, County Attorney was present with nothing to report.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator/HR Director requested adoption of the Wabash County Government 2017 Legal Holidays schedule. (They are the same dates observed by the state.) Haupert made a motion to adopt. Givens seconded the motion; it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Tiffany Frank, Wabash County Deputy Auditor presented the accounts payable claims and allowance docket for 8/1/16. The commissioners signed the docket.

Paul Hayden, Director of the Northeast Field Office of Indiana Landmarks presented a Proposal for Acquisition and Rehabilitation of the Wabash County Sheriff's House and Jail. Hayden requested that the commissioners donate the property to Indiana Landmarks for restoration and contribute \$75,000 toward the estimated \$150,000 cost to complete Phase I of the project, which is primarily renovation of the exterior. Hayden also requested that the county complete an environmental remediation before they take control of the property. The requests were taken under advisement.

With no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned. The commissioners will next meet on Monday, August 8, 2016.

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Also present were: Wabash Plain Dealer reporter Mackenzi Klemann, News-Journal reporter David Purvis-Fenker, Chief Deputy Tyler Guenin, Central Dispatch Director Sandy Beeks, Greg and Lori Harnish, and Tracy Wimberly.